

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0528-01
Bill No.: HB 66
Subject: Counties; Fire Protection
Type: Original
Date: January 29, 2013

Bill Summary: This proposal removes the provision that requires fire protection districts located in Greene County to have an audit performed every two years.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§ 321.690 - Audits of fire protection districts in Greene County

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

In response to similar legislation from 2012 (HB 1945), officials from the **Battlefield Fire Protection District** stated larger fire districts in Greene County have annual audits performed but only the biennial audit is forwarded to the State Auditor. Removal of the biennial audit requirement would result in some savings to the district.

Oversight notes according to Section 321.690.2 (2), RSMo, any fire protection district with less than fifty thousand dollars in annual revenue in Greene County may already be exempted from the biennial audit requirement with the approval of the State Auditor.

Oversight assumes any larger fire protection district with revenues greater than fifty thousand dollars already has an annual audit performed.

Oversight assumes this proposal may result in minimal savings to Greene County Fire Protection Districts. For the purpose of the fiscal note, will show no direct fiscal impact to local fire protection districts in Greene County.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Office of the State Auditor, Department of Public Safety - Division of Fire Safety, Nixa Fire Protection District, and Missouri State Emergency Management Agency** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the City of Springfield, and Greene County did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

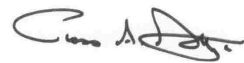
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Auditor
Department of Public Safety -
Division of Fire Safety
Missouri State Emergency Management Agency
Battlefield Fire Protection District
Nixa Fire Protection District

Not Responding:

Greene County
City of Springfield

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross Strope".

Ross Strope
Acting Director
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